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Note verbale dated 14 September 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, on behalf of the Government of Kazakhstan, has the honour to transmit the text of the Declaration of Heads of Government of member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in connection with the terrorist acts carried out in the United States of America on 11 September 2001 (see annex I) and the Statement on the outcome of the first meeting of the Heads of Government of member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (see annex II). These documents were signed by Mr. K. K. Tokaev, Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Zhu Rongji, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, Mr. K. S. Bakiev, Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. M. M. Kasyanov, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Mr. A. G. Akilov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan, and Mr. U. T. Sultanov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the United Nations has the honour, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan, to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to distribute the text of this note and its annexes as General Assembly documents under items 109 (c), 117 and 178 of the provisional agenda.

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Annex I to the note verbale dated 14 September 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Declaration of the Heads of Government of the member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization

The unprecedented terrorist acts carried out in the United States of America on 11 September 2001, resulting in the death of thousands of wholly innocent people, have caused us to feel a profound sense of outrage and anger. We regard these barbaric acts as challenging the essential foundations of human civilization, the stability of society, the security of States and fundamental human rights, including the right to life.

We grieve with the American people and express our deep and sincere condolences to the suffering relatives and friends of those who perished as a result of the tragedy.

International terrorism has become a serious threat to all humankind. The tragic events in the United States have shown that international terrorism knows neither national nor moral boundaries. This evil can be defeated only by the united efforts of all States.

The member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization are taking active steps in that direction. Opposition to terrorism, extremism and separatism is one of the most important objectives of our Organization, as evidenced by the adoption of the Shanghai Convention on Combating Terrorism, Separatism and Extremism. Measures are being taken to hasten the establishment of a regional anti-terrorist structure.

We are ready to take effective measures, in close cooperation with all States and international organizations, to wage an uncompromising struggle to root out the global threat of terrorism.

Annex II to the note verbale dated 14 September 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Statement on the outcome of the first meeting of Heads of Government of member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization

The first meeting of the Heads of Government of the member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization was held at Almaty on 14 September 2001. The following took part: Mr. K. K. Tokaev, Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Zhu Rongji, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, Mr. K. S. Bakiev, Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. M. M. Kasyanov, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Mr. A. G. Akilov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan, and Mr. U. T. Sultanov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The meeting took place in a constructive and friendly atmosphere, in full mutual understanding.

The Heads of Government held comprehensive discussions on the development of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and on the question of trade and economic cooperation between the six countries. They also held an in-depth exchange of views on a wide range of issues of mutual interest, and agreed that the development of lasting and stable trade and economic links in the framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization would be in the fundamental interests of their countries and peoples.

The Heads of Government have a deep appreciation of the historic significance of establishing the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and are united in believing that it will be conducive to raising the multilateral relations among the six countries to a new level and facilitate the establishment of the necessary opportunities and conditions for enhancing comprehensive friendly cooperation among the six countries, while at the same time strengthening security and stability in the region and throughout the world.

The Heads of Government note that the relationship of constructive partnership that has developed among the six States is based on the principles of trust and mutual respect.

The Heads of Government reaffirm their strong commitment to the principles enshrined in the Declaration on the Establishment of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization of 15 June 2001 and in the other texts that constitute the basis of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. They also express their intention of maintaining effective cooperation with one another in the fields of politics, security, trade and finance.

In view of the trends towards economic globalization and regional economic integration, the Heads of Government consider that the development of regional economic cooperation in the framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization will strengthen the region's economic power and enhance its importance in world

politics and the world economy. In accordance with the rules of market relations and the principles of equality, mutual benefit and transparency, the member States will, bearing in mind the effectiveness of lasting cooperation and joint development and making full use of geographical advantages and mutual economic assistance, take measures to promote development of the regional economy and cooperation in border areas, while at the same time actively seeking new possibilities in the field of trade and economic cooperation.

The Heads of Government note that the commencement of the process of establishing appropriate conditions in the sphere of trade and investment policy in the framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization constitutes an achievable and important goal for cooperation in developing the regional economy at the present time.

In order further to confirm the new quality of mutual relations and with a view to prospects of a lasting relationship, the Heads of Government of the six States signed a Memorandum between the Governments of the member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization on the development of regional economic cooperation and the launching of a process of establishing appropriate conditions in the sphere of trade and investment.

The Heads of Government made an official announcement concerning the establishment of a mechanism for regular prime Ministerial meetings in the framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

14 September 2001, Almaty